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pectable and important point of view, the research, enterprize and talents of Americans. It may justly be denominated a national work. It contains such a vast and various body of useful and practical information, that all American libraries, whether public or private, while without it, are deficient as to much of the most interesting knowledge of our country.

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The correctness of this statement will be apparent from an exhibition of only a very few of the more remarkable matters contained in each volume.

#### HEXADE I.

Including the progress of medicine, philosophy, and the sciences in America, from 1797 to 1803.

*Volume the first, 1797*—Contains Dr. Elihu H. Smith's learned and admirable treatise on the plague of Athens, in the 430th year before Christ, proving it to have been a yellow or malignant fever—Mitchill's report to the agricultural Society, of his geological survey of New-York—Smith's masterly investigation of the Grenada fever in 1793 and 4, showing Chisholm's entire mistake in alledging it to have been imported from Africa, while it was in fact a disease of local origin in Grenada—Discussions with Priestley about phlogiston, and Mitchill's attempt to accommodate the disputes among the chemists on that subject—Miller on the infantile Cholera and Diarrhœa, and on the effects of Abstinence in the prevention of Diseases—and records of the facts and proceedings in New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore concerning their endemic fevers. This volume contains two prints illustrating Dr. Seaman's inquiry into the cause of the prevalence of yellow fever in New-York.



*Volume the second, 1798*—The Continuation of Priestley's eight letters to Mitchill, on the phlogistic controversy, in which many facts occur, not reconcileable with the French nomenclature and hypothesis—Hall and Woodhouse on the natural wall of Basaltes, near the Yadkin, in North-Carolina—Miller on cutaneous perspiration, and on yellow fever—Mitchill's medical geography; and his theory of bile and of common salt—Channing and Coit's narrative of the yellow fever at New-London—Insufficiency of acid vapours to destroy contagion or disinfect air, as Smyth and Morveau had taught—Various occurrences in New-York, Philadelphia, New-London, Boston, and other parts of the United States, relative to yellow fever—E. H. Smith's disquisition on the plagues of Syracuse, showing them to have been malignant or yellow fevers, like those of our own times—and Mitchill's theory of the decay of human teeth by Septic Acid.

*Volume the third, 1799*—Various illustrations of the anti-septic and contra-pestilential effects of alkaline salts and earths, forming a broad and extensive induction of facts to those points—Brown's account of the yellow fever in Providence, with further particulars concerning it in New-York, New-London, Boston, and Philadelphia—Masonic relics of the celebrated Dr. John Brown of Edinburgh—The first vaccine virus sent to America, by Dr. Pearson, for Dr. Miller—Barton's zoological remarks on the middle States—Bordley's observations on husbandry—Mitchill's interpretation of the ancient allegory of the Lernaean Hydra, and of the second labour of Hercules; and his theory of the formation of hail-stones, high in the atmosphere, during the hottest weather of summer—Tilton and Monro on the yellow fever at Wilmington—The narrative of Gen. Washington's sickness and death, by his physicians Craik and Dick—Priestley's controversy with the French chemists, continued.

*Volume the fourth, 1800*—Facts concerning the local origin of yellow fever in various interior regions of North-America—Miller's Remarks on the cause, prevention and treatment of sea-sickness—Simson's account of the curious Hebrew manuscript bible in New-York—Further illustrations from reason, experiment and holy writ, of the efficacy of alkalies to counteract putrefaction and pestilence—Ramsay's address to the medical Society of South-Carolina—Miller and Graham's original communications relative to the huge mammoth skeletons found about seventy miles north of New-York city, and since purchased by Mr. C. W. Peale—Waring and Catlett's description of malignant distempers arising on board of several of the American ships—Seaman's memoir on the yellow fever at New-York, in 1800—Chatard's description of it in Baltimore—Experiments demonstrating the sourness of the matter on ill-conditioned ulcers—Experiments on the formation of watery vapour, during those times when moderate weather is suddenly followed by intense cold, and when the severity of frost is succeeded by a rapid thaw—Copious information on the yellow fever as it occurred in the interior country, on board the national ships, and at Charleston, Wilmington, New-York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, and other places—Priestley's chemical essays—Mitchill's phosphorescence of ocean water as caused by medusas and nereids.

*Volume the fifth, 1801*—This volume contains Mease's, Rodgers's, Coxe's, Physick's, and Borrowe's observations on hydrophobia—Rush's

employment of salivation by quicksilver, to cure pulmonary consumption—Rodgers's opinion on the cases in which nitric acid is serviceable or otherwise, in syphilis—Spence on the efficacy of digitalis or foxglove in phthisis—Webster's collection of facts, to show the connection between earthquakes, tempests and epidemic diseases; and his vindication of equivocal generation—Mitchill and Bayley's statement of the pestilential and wretched condition of emigrants arriving at New-York, which gave rise to the late passenger-act in the British Parliament—A great addition to the facts necessary to form a true history of alkaline salts, particularly pot-ash; its qualities as it is offered for inspection in commerce described; as also its excellent and admirable operations in surgery, medicine and domestic economy—The review of Haygarth's letter on infectious fevers, wherein a suitable reply is made to his illiberal remarks on American physicians—The yellow fever of the year described—Mitchill's inquiry into the origin of quarantines and the establishment of lazarettos. Miller's remarks on the stomach as a centre of association, and a primary seat of morbid derangement—Progress of the vaccine inoculation in America—Facts relative to the north-east storms on the Atlantic coasts of the United States, and illustrating the current of the atmosphere, by showing that they begin in the south-west.

*Volume the sixth, 1802*—Rush's plan for diminishing the pain and danger of child-bearing—Barker's medical history of Maine—Priestley on the composition of finery cinder and charcoal—Stringham's description of a remarkable species of intestinal worms—Hare's memoir on improving the blow-pipe—Willey's history of medical and other occurrences on Block-Island—Moore's essay on ice-houses and refrigerators—Higgins's attempt to improve the processes for making sugar and rum in Jamaica—Narrative of the melancholy spectacle of disinterred bones of the American prisoners, at the Wallabout—A figure and memoir by Mr. McGillivray, of the Ovis Ammon, or Mountain Ram of North-America—Ramsay's medical register for Charleston—Excessive consumption of distilled spirits—American epidemics as they appeared in 1802—Rush's renunciation of the opinion that yellow fever is contagious.

## HEXADE II.

Embracing the history of medicine, philosophy, and the sciences, in America, for six years, that is, from 1803 to 1809.

*Volume the first of the second Hexade, for 1803, or the seventh from the beginning*—Comstock's able delineation of some very extraordinary symptoms consequent upon the supposed bite of a spider—Stevens's paper on Boneset as an alexipharmic, and on other species of eupatorium—Bartram on the species and varieties of North-American vines—Physick's treatment of a suppression of urine, by a catheter of elastic gum, with a bougie-point, illustrated by a drawing—Massachusetts papers on Agriculture—Barton's elements of botany—Woodhouse's mode of obtaining very pure oxygenous gas—Caldwell on the yellow fever of Philadelphia—Vaughan on the utility of occasional bloodletting during the pregnant state—On the proneness of beef and pork to corrupt, when packed in British salt from Liverpool—Ellicott's journal down the Ohio, Mississippi, and Gulf, when engaged to settle the line on lat. 31 N.—A case of rup-



tured uterus, by Dr. James—Consul Eckard's correction of a mis-statement of Dr. Chisholm—Foot's inquiry why human teeth are subject to a premature decay in America—Miller's new nomenclature of febrile and pestilential diseases—The Rev. Dr. Miller's learned retrospect of the eighteenth century—Measures taken by the government to explore Louisiana, with various and interesting information concerning that country—Accounts of yellow fever in New-York, Philadelphia, Alexandria, and other places—Webster's inquiry into the origin of pestilential distempers—Biographical memoirs of Drs. Brackett and Priestley—Carendeffez on galvanic electricity.

*Volume the second, for 1804, or the eighth from the beginning*—Burton's relation of a case of hydrophobia successfully treated—Coxe's theory of St. Vitus's dance—Ramsay's description of a disease affecting the lymphatic vessels—Dwight's remarks on the yellow fever which arose at Catskill in 1803—Hill's description of Porto-bello and Caraccas—Mitchill's discussion concerning the partridge, quail, pheasant, woodcock, and other game birds—Foster's relation of the proceedings at Bellevue hospital during the yellow fever at New-York—Krafft's practical directions to distillers—Volney's picture of the climate and soil of the United States—Turriano's account of the homebred plague of Messina in 1743—Dunbar's memoir on the yellow and malignant fever with black vomiting, which broke out near Winchester, in Virginia, in 1804—M'Kinnen's tour through the West-Indies—Mann's prize dissertation on the infantile cholera—Agnew's description of an epidemic distemper near Gettysburgh, in Pennsylvania—Collection of facts concerning the great hurricane which ravaged the West-Indies and Southern States in the autumn of 1804—Ramsay on the yellow fever at Charleston—M'Dowell on the epidemic of York, in Pennsylvania—Worthington on the febrile distempers of Georgetown and Washington—Duvall on the occurrences of this eventful year at and around Fredericktown, Maryland—Figures and descriptions of the long-tailed shark, and of the viviparous shark of the New-York coast—With other valuable articles, from the pens of Pascalis, Latrobe, Cowdery, Ffirth, Hall, Hare, Jones, Martin, Michaux, (father and son) Mease, Valentin, White, and others.

*Volume the third, 1805, or the ninth of the regular series*—Tetanus described by F. Dalcho—Brain protruded beyond the skull under the eye of Dr. Wheaton—The extraordinary season of 1804, in Maryland, delineated by Dr. Duvall—the slabbering distemper in horses noted by T. Moore—Topographical accounts of certain parts of Georgia and Louisiana, by Smelt, White and Macrery—Moulton's Voyage to Staten-Land—D'Azara's history of the quadrupeds of Paraguay—Cowdery's description of Tripoli, in Barbary—Baron's mathematical correspondent—Peron's reasons why betel and lime are used among the Asiatic nations—Johnson's mode of building houses in Pisa—Further evidence in favour of Mitchill's mode of destroying syphilitic venom, and curing ulcers by alkalies—The proofs left by Hippocrates that yellow fever prevailed among the ancient Greeks—the controversy between O. Evans and J. Stevens about improvements on the steam-engine—Brower's popular treatise on the origin of yellow fever—Miller's narrative of the yellow fever as it occurred in New-York, 1805—Statement of the question about quarantines, and of the publications against American commerce by the consuls of Great-Britain, Denmark, Spain, Portugal, and France

—Notices concerning Louisiana from Dunbar, Hunter, Sibley, Soulard, Trudeau, and Lewis, with a particular account of their respective discoveries—Akerly's collection and arrangement of the native testaceous animals of New-York, and his mineralogical description of the north-eastern-most part of the Alleghany mountains—Garnett's improved edition of the nautical almanack—Economical history of ilex cassine, yapon, or black drink—Pascal's reasons why the yellow fever of Spain was of local origin there and not imported—Harris's tour to Ohio—Drayton's view of South Carolina—Rand's observations on pulmonary consumption—Mitchill's speech in Congress on quarantine establishments—Importation of rags for the paper manufacture from Italy to the United States—Ypsilandy's letter on the non-contagiousness of plague—M'Dowell on the treatment of burns by cold water.

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